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Remarks

Agreement was reached by telephone between the Examiner and the undersigned attorney on December 14, 2004 with regards to amended Claims 34 and 47, and new Claim 49, in that the Examiner agreed to allow Claims 34, 47, and 49 as set forth above. Cancellation of Claims 27, 37-44 and 46 is made without prejudice as Applicants intend on filing a continuation application with such cancelled Claims to obtain claims of scope to which Applicants believe they are entitled.

Dependent Claims 30, 31, and 33 have been amended to depend on Claim 34.

Entry of new Claims 49-53 is requested. Dependent Claims 50-53 are similar to Claims 30, 31, 33, and 44, respectively, but are dependent on Claim 49. Thus, dependent Claims 50-53 should be allowable.

Entry of new dependent Claims 54-56 is also requested, which are similar to Claims 30, 31, and 33, respectively, but are dependent on Claim 47. Thus, dependent Claims 54-56 should also be allowable. New claims may be added after final rejection where claims equal in number are cancelled.

In view of the above, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited. Upon allowance of the Application, Appeal of the Application is withdrawn.

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. 1.114 is made if required for entry of the above amended and new claims, or if such entry does not allow the application, with authorization to charge the RCE fee to Deposit Account No. 50-1101.

Respectfully submitted,

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